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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS

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1. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN PUBLICIZING RECENT CHANGES IN INS PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING UNDOCUMENTED HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE DETERRENT EFFECT ON ILLEGAL EMIGRATION TO THE U.S., DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' USE OF THIS MATERIAL TO FULLEST EXTENT APPROPRIATE.

2. UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, IN RESPONSE TO GROWING CONCERN ABOUT UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS IN SOUTH FLORIDA, HAVE CHANGED THEIR PROCEDURES FOR  
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PROCESSING NEW ARRIVALS.

3. DESIGNED TO SPEED UP DEPORTATION OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, ADDITIONAL JUDGES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO HEAR DEPORTATION AND EXCLUSION CASES. MOST NEWLY ARRIVING ALIENS WITHOUT VISAS OR OTHER ENTRY DOCUMENTS ARE BEING HELD IN CUSTODY BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, AND WORK

PERMITS ARE NOT ISSUED IN THESE CASES. THIS REPRESENTS  
A MAJOR CHANGE, SINCE PREVIOUSLY MANY SUCH ALIENS WERE

ALLOWED TO WORK PENDING HEARINGS.

4. THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE IS  
PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE COOPERATION RECEIVED  
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE COAST  
GUARD AND THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, IN APPREHENDING AND  
ARRESTING UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS WHO ARRIVE IN FLORIDA  
BY BOAT. IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THERE  
IS ALMOST NO CHANCE OF SUCH IMMIGRANTS ESCAPING  
ARREST AND PROMPT HEARINGS. CHRISTOPHER

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